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THE GAZETTE.

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HOW TO USE SOME ON THE SURPLUS.

The surplus in the United States treasury seems to be a troublesome possession, and it bothers congress in the effort to devise some plan by which to spend it without seeming to be wasteful. There are scores of ways in which the money can be spent, and spent wisely, but the majority of the members of congress do not appear to have seriously thought of such a thing.

One of the most practical ways in which the government can spend a few million dollars is to build several hundred postoffice buildings. There are in the United States 82 postoffices of the first class, the salaries of which range from \$3,000 to \$8,000, and 37 of the offices are located in rented buildings. There are 149 postoffices of the second class, the salaries of which are graded from \$2,500 to \$2,900, and 120 of the offices are in rented buildings. There are 286 offices of the second class the salaries of which are graded from \$2,000 to \$2,400, and 273 of them are in rented buildings. There are 1,092 postoffices, the salaries of which are graded from \$1,400 to \$1,900, and all of them are located in rented buildings. There are some seven hundred more postoffices of the presidential class, the salaries of which are graded below \$1,400, that are quartered in rented buildings. As a postoffice is an institution that will continue as long as towns and cities shall endure, why is it not wisdom for the government to own its own postoffice buildings?

But there is another point in favor of the government owning and furnishing its own postoffice buildings in all important towns, villages and cities, or else increase the salaries of the postmasters who are in third class offices. Take, for instance, a postmaster whose salary is \$1,800 to \$1,700. In order to give the public decent postal service, or, to use the language of Postmaster General Vilas, "in order to provide such service as to satisfy his sense of personal honor in performance of a public duty, he has been compelled to make an annual outlay of from \$1,000 to \$1,800, besides giving continual personal labor." There are some presidential postmasters who are compelled to pay fuel, light, clerk hire and so on out of their salaries, and in some towns to pay their own rents! In the language of Mr. Vilas, such a condition is neither creditable to the justice of the government, nor wisely conducive to the freed service which shall be exacted by postmasters to the public.

There are in the United States some 600 towns and cities whose population ranges from 3,000 to 8,000; 120 whose population is from 8,000 to 12,000; 120 whose population is from 12,000 to 20,000; and in not a score of these are the postoffices located in buildings owned by the government. Suppose the government should build two thousand postoffice buildings, whose average cost would not exceed \$20,000, that would be only forty millions in the aggregate cost, a sum which the government can well afford to spare for such a practical and wise purpose. If congress wants to do something for the people, and to erect lasting monuments to its common sense and practical wisdom, let it provide for the erection of handsome and enduring postoffice buildings in all towns and cities in the country containing 3,000 or more population where the government does not own such buildings.

The other day the Nation, which is the weekly edition of the New York Post, (mugwump) printed a brief letter from another mugwump, in regard to the postoffice department not being conducted on common sense principles. The mugwump is in the publishing business and he claims that the loss of mail matter while in transit is increasing, and he asks the Nation to explain why this condition of things exists. But the Nation didn't, as a matter of course. In his letter the mugwump says:

Indeed, I myself have a special load of sorrow. I am a disgruntled republican; I am bound to be a democrat. It is an unenviable load for me; I need encouragement. I am sadly disengaged when I see how strong the likelihood is, when a democrat obtains office, that he will turn out either a fool or a knave.

The mugwump has fallen into hard luck in trying to be a democrat under this peculiar administration, and it is no wonder he is loaded down with sorrow. It a mugwump is honest, and most of them are intelligent, sober-minded and earnest men, it is no wonder he begins to lose heart when he sees civil service made a footloose, and the public office-a-public-trust business fired out of the white house by a mob of democratic politicians who crave and demand office. Probably Mr. Mugwump had better take his complaint to Doc Dickinson in a few days, who is counted the liveliest democratic partisan that ever sat foot in Washington.

Bogus Senator Turpie, from Indiana, has introduced a bill for the admission of Dakota as a state, which means two additional republican senators, several more republican members of the lower house, and a large addition to the number of republican presidential electors. The Greeks come bearing gifts. What conspiracy have they under way? -Chicago Journal.

Can't the Journal see the scheme the democrats have in view? On the very day Mr. Turpie introduced the bill to admit Dakota, he also introduced one to admit Washington territory. This means that congress shall admit Washington if Dakota is admitted. The former is a democratic territory, and of course will be admitted as a democratic state, and that will set the republican state of Dakota. The Washington bill is a sort of a rider to the Dakota bill, and unless

the former is passed, the latter will be defeated.

This is a bold act of partisanship on the part of the democratic majority in congress, but it just matches the democratic spirit in that body. Dakota has about 600,000 population, and is kept out of the Union by the partisanship of a democratic congress, but the same majority wants Washington admitted which has less than 100,000 population.

The director of the mint, in a statement given out to the correspondent of the New York Commercial Bulletin, and copied in the National Republican, says that the currency of all kinds in circulation on the 1st of November was \$1,373,279.09. Secretary Fairchild in his official report, page 30, says it was \$1,386,512. There is a slight discrepancy of \$1,253. There is only a slight difference of \$566,065.09. Some one ought to teach a uniform system of book-keeping in the treasury. -Washington Republican.

The democratic members of this administration have different ways of looking at the same thing. Secretary Fairchild says the surplus for the current year will be \$6 million dollars, while Secretary Manning said it would be 125 millions. But a few millions of dollars don't seem to make any difference in the guess work which is made by the treasury officials.

Charles Dudley Warner, in the Editor's Drawer of the last Harper's, speaking of the fact that we are exploited on Christmas day to remember the poor says, that we need to be reminded rather to remember the rich, "the lonely, not-easy-to-be-satisfied rich, whom we do not always have with us. The Drawer never sees a very rich man that it does not long to give him something, some token, the value of which is not to be estimated by its cost, that should be a consoling evidence to him that he has not sympathy with ordinary humanity."

Higgins having done the work of his master, says he will resign at the beginning of the new year. He has done much dirty work for the administration during the past two years, and notwithstanding his total unfitness for the position he has held, the administration has permitted him to continue in office to insult the moral sense of the better element of both political parties.

During the last year the Methodist Episcopal church has raised \$1,044,793.91 for missions. In addition to this the church has raised \$8,000 for Bishop Taylor's work in Africa. But even this immense sum does not represent the religious contributions of this great church, which generously supports a large number of colleges, seminaries and charitable institutions.

About \$22,000 has been raised for the Hendricks monument at Indianapolis, and \$3,000 more is wanted. Mr. W. W. Corcoran gave the largest contribution, \$5,000. Mr. Potter Palmer gave \$2,000. President Cleveland gave \$100. The Hendricks monument enterprise has been quite successful, while other monuments are languishing in despair.

The immense gathering in New York, of young republicans from all parts of the Union, should not forget to adopt resolutions thanking the administration for the work it is doing to secure a republican victory next year. The free trade message was as good a campaign document as the republicans could ask for.

It now seems quite probable that General Bragg will get the Mexican mission. The Wisconsin democrats will get rid of a very troublesome politician when Bragg is sent to Mexico.

A Horse that Can Talk.

Everybody has heard of a "horse laugh" but who has ever seen an equine with the power of speech? Such an animal would be pronounced a miracle; but would the telegraph and the telephone have been a hundred years ago. Why, even very rare horses have been known to speak, but now people are beginning to realize that the disease is not incurable. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure it, if taken in time. This world-renowned remedy will not make new lungs, but it will restore diseased ones to a healthy state when all other means have failed. Thousands can vouch for this. All drugists.

A \$100,000 fire in Shelbyville, Tenn. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 16.—At 5:45 Wednesday night fire broke out in the dry goods store of J. S. Gill at Shelbyville, Tenn., and in two hours burned every building in the whole square. The loss is over \$100,000, with insurance ranging from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Confessed to Poisoning Her Mother. TORONTO, Can., Dec. 16.—Annie Burke, aged 22, daughter of William Burke, a tea dealer, has confessed to the murder of her mother, who died Tuesday. She had threatened to poison the whole family. She recently attempted to stab her father.

Forge Company's Works Burned. PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 16.—The Eastern Forge Company's works at East Damariscotta were burned yesterday morning. The company is making car axles and had orders ready for winter. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

At Night always have Acker's Baby Soother at hand. It is the only safe medicine yet made that will remove all infantile disorders. It contains no Opium or Morphine, but gives the child natural ease from pain. Price 25 cents. Sold by Dr. Practice, Elyson G.

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The Yellow River Overflows Its Banks.

ELEVEN POPULOUS CITIES SWEEP AWAY.

One of the World's Greatest Catastrophes —A Fortified Region Turned Into a Shallow Sea—Innumerable Dead—Millions Starving.

THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The ship City of Sydney arrived yesterday afternoon from Hong Kong and Yokohama.

Chinese papers give details of a disease occasioned by the Yellow river overflowing its banks in the province of Honan, and describe it as one of the most appalling occurrences in loss of life and property recorded in recent times. The city of Ching-tchow, not only completely inundated the city, but also ten other populous cities. The whole area is now a raging sea, ten to thirty feet deep, where it was a densely populated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow river is now dry, and the present lake was the bed of the river centuries ago. The loss of life is incalculable, and the statement is made by missionaries that millions of people are now starving.

The Chinese Ambassador, writing from Hong Kong, says that

the loss of life is 1,200,000.

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THE FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

Its Efforts on Behalf of the Colored Race.

Since Dec. 10.—The delegates to the twentieth annual meeting of the Freedmen's Aid Society met in the First Methodist church yesterday morning.

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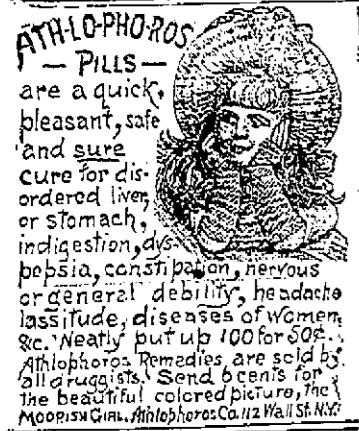
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CITY EDITOR.

CURRENT EVENTS.

A Great Deal of Interesting Information to be Found in the Following Paragraphs.

A. F. Williams, a well-known merchant of Davenport, died Thursday morning at 11:30 A. M. aged 63 years.

Edgar A. Jones has been ordered to leave the house where he is staying in Detroit, and also the restaurant where he boards.

Twenty renegade Iowans Indiana made a descent on El Sombrero ranch near Antero, A. T. They were beaten off, but secured a quantity of corn.

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 16.—Yesterday morning the session of the American Federation of Labor was consumed by the introduction of almost innumerable resolutions on various subjects. One was a protest from the Cigar-Makers' International Union against a reduction of the internal revenue tax on tobacco. The Progressive Tailors' union official endorsement for their label, and several trades want Congress to pass a law that will prevent the manufacturer of men's clothing for the army or navy in any capacity where skilled labor can be used.

Isaac Wood, president of the Pressmen's Union of New York, addressed the convention on the advantage of having a daily newspaper to advocate the labor movement. It was proposed to start a daily paper in New York on the co-operative plan. The paper will be called "New York Labor" and will be published until it can receive the support of at least 20,000 subscribers. A resolution was offered to insist upon the passage of an amendment to the present law, which shall more effectively restrict Chinese immigration. A resolution that the Federation does not endorse any labor unless the organization issuing it is connected with the American Federation of Labor.

The session was consumed by the consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitution. An effort to draw the line between skilled and unskilled labor was subjoined as the cause of the disintegration of the Knights of Labor, and a motion to strike out the words "labor organizations" where it occurs in the constitution, and to add "other unions" which may be taken down. A motion to compel all organizations to obtain certificates of membership from the federation one month before the meeting of the convention was passed. It was voted that central labor unions and local trades assemblies be allowed representation in the federation according to their numerical strength, even though the same trades may be indirectly represented by delegates from their national body. A discussion as to the use of messengers for the rest of the session.

THE "HUSBANDMEN."

Resolutions Adopted by the Illinois State Grange—Proceedings by Other Bodies.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 16.—The State Grange elected officers yesterday. J. M. Thompson of Joliet was chosen State President; adjournment was voted to make the 15th the permanent date of meeting and resolutions were adopted favoring the scheme that the general Government widen and deepen the Illinois and Michigan canal; that the Grange favor the mutual fire insurance system; opposing any repeal of the provisions of the Interstate Commerce law until it is thoroughly tested; favoring the abolition of the vote of the people in the election of a prohibitory amendment to the constitution relating to the sale of liquor.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 16.—Governor Luce resigned yesterday the position of Master of the State Grange, and Thomas Munro was chosen to fill the vacancy. The Committee on Legislation recommended the reduction of letter postage to one-half cent an ounce and the abandonment of post cards.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 16.—The State Grange opened its annual session yesterday, and voted the placing of raw material in the free-stall, protesting against a reduction of the duty on wool and demanding the removal of the tariff of 1867.

The several committees met at 4 o'clock. Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, was chosen chairman of the Committee on Rules; G. S. Batchelder, of New York, of that on Credit; W. C. C. Clegg, of Connecticut, on Mutual Council; F. A. Kason, of Iowa, on Resolutions, and James D. Ogle, on League Club Organization.

A number of secretaries were then chosen, and a vice-president for each State selected. This was slow work, and at its conclusion the convention adjourned until morning at 10 o'clock.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

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WALTER HEIMS.

CURE YOUR COLD FEVER—You can buy at Brown Bros. shoe store for the trifling sum of one dollar a nice, warm, buckled Arctic, guaranteed to make comfortable the coldest feet. Buy a pair and compare them with the rotten staff sold by their world-like-to-be competitors and convince yourself that the cash shoe store is the place for bargains.

Immense bargains in ribbons at Bort, Bailey & Co.'s Saturday evening.

\$2.50 buys a barrel of the very best New York apples at W. F. Carle's, West Milwaukee street.

Attend Bort, Bailey & Co.'s special sale of ribbons Saturday evening; one lot of 1,000 yards of Grosgrain and Tat-fy ribbons, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, at 2 cents a yard.

Don't fail to secure your winter fruit of W. F. Carle \$2.50 for apples the mid-day December is unusually cheap.

Buy ribbons for your fancy work at Bort, Bailey & Co.'s special ribbon sale Saturday evening. By so doing you will save money.

Holiday Slippers—Largest variety lowest prices in the city. You can leave money by buying your Christmas slippers of us.

Brown Bros.

At our ribbon sale Saturday evening we will sell the best quality manufactured of all silk satin ribbons at the following extremely low prices: No. 2 at 5 cents; No. 3 at 8 cents; No. 4 at 9 cents; No. 5 at 11 cents; No. 7 at 13 cents; No. 9 at 15 cents; No. 12 at 21 cents; No. 16 at 27 cents.

BORT, BAILEY & CO.

Fleecy-lined rubbers—Warm, dressy, equal to an ordinary overcoat, our price only 50 cents, ask to see them. We make no charge for showing the goods.

Brown Bros.

Saturday evening, between the hours of six and nine o'clock we will sell ribbons at special sale—our entire stock of all silk, satin ribbons without reserve, including all the new shades so much used for fancy work, at a reduction of 25 to 40 per cent.

BORT, BAILEY & CO.

Child's buckle Arctics reduced to 60 cents best quality at Brown's.

Remember we give you a chance to buy ribbons of us Saturday evening at prices never before quoted in this city.

BORT, BAILEY & CO.

Best bargains in the city in handkerchiefs this week at Archie Reid's.

Buy ribbons of Bort, Bailey & Co. Saturday evening.

Call early while the assortment is good and select your winter fruit at W. F. Carle's, West Milwaukee street. Best New York apples \$2.50 per barrel.

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Ladies' dressing cases, also gents' cuff and collar boxes at Sutherland's.

Turkish baths! Incomparable for the complexion.

20,000 bushels of coke will warm many homes this winter. Leave your orders with J. H. Gateley.

See our big line of handkerchiefs at 2 cents this week, at Archie Reid's.

A large line of buffalo, wool and goat robes cheapest in the city at Jas. A. Father's, corner Court and Main streets.

Turkish baths speedily open May 1st.

Charcoal in one or two hundred bushel lots, 12¢ per bushel.

J. H. GATELEY.

Chamber's Encyclopedia—revised with American additions, for sale cheap at Sutherland's.

Leave your orders under the First National Bank for coke, the cheapest fuel in the city.

J. H. GATELEY.

Will sell harness of all description cheaper than the cheapest.

JAS. A. FATHERS.

Court and Main St.

Three large surface burner coal stoves, suitable for heating large halls or stores, which will be sold at a bargain, at Sutherland's stove and furnishing store, No. 15, and 20 North Main street.

See our hemstitched linen handkerchiefs at 5¢ each this week, at Archie Reid's.

Good second growth oak wood \$3.00 per cord.

J. H. GATELEY.

See our hemstitched linen handkerchiefs at 5¢ each this week, at Archie Reid's.

All the leading perfumes, oolonges and sachet powders at Stearns & Baker's.

Belt bargains in the city in handkerchiefs at Archie Reid's this week.

House for rent, Inquiry of Marion J. Mitchell, 261 West Milwaukee street.

Bunch of Violins—by Irene Jerome, at Sutherland's Bookstore.

See our big line of handkerchiefs at 2 cents this week, at Archie Reid's.

Largest assortment of plush goods at lowest prices at Stearns & Baker's.

Turkish baths! Only known reliable specific in rheumatism.

Full sets of all the standard works at Sutherland's.

TWELVE CENTS A WEEK PAYABLE FOR THE DAILY GAZETTE—SEND IN YOUR NAME.

UNITED THEY STAND.

The Militia Matter Receives Its Final Straightening Out.

Officers For the Light Infantry Appointed—A Military Ball.

The Janesville Light Infantry held what was really their first meeting last evening. Captain Newman called the meeting to order and O. H. Brand was elected to the table of the secretary.

Captain Newman stated that he had been ordered to take command of the company and report to regimental headquarters. It was the moved that the civil organization of the company be perfected. An election was held relating to the choice of the following board of trustees:

President—John G. Rextord, Vice President—Ferry E. Frink.

Secretary—Andrew T. Campbell.

Treasurer—Chas. D. Stevens.

President Rextord then took the chair.

On motion of Captain Newman the company proceeded to the election of a board of trustees.

The following were elected: Capt. M. A. Newman, Lieut. Fred H. Koeblin and George Park.

The chair appointed a committee of three, consisting of Thea. Goldin, Lieutenant Fred H. Koeblin and Brigham Hayner, to prepare suitable by-laws and present the same to the company for adoption.

Captain Newman then announced his non-commissioned officers, the first being:

First Sergeant—Ferry E. Frink.

Quartermaster Sergeant—Gen. G. Aiken.

Second Sergeant—George G. Farns.

Third Sergeant—Joseph B. Whiting, Jr.

Fourth Sergeant—Charles Barnard.

Fifth Sergeant—Charles W. Blay.

Corporals—Beaumont, De Forest, Lewis V. Paul, William E. Koeblin and Edwin E. Spaulding.

When the appointments were finished a discussion was begun on the subject of a company ball. Finally Charles E. Curtis, Joseph B. Whiting, Jr., George R. Allen, Ferry Frink and Charles Barnard were appointed a committee on arrangements with the instructions: "Go ahead!" They were authorized to pay any bills incurred in making the party a success, and told to appoint whatever sub-committees they saw fit. The interest manifested throughout the meeting made the success of the new company seem assured. The organization includes all the best material in both the Guards and the Rifles. It has for a captain an officer unsurpassed by any in the state and starts out with a larger membership than was ever before known in all the history of the Wisconsin militia.

BLICKLEYS.

—The youngsters are happy.

—Schools closed to-day for two weeks.

—Holiday trade in the courts is slow.

—Call on Fred H. Fellows, the East Side jeweler.

—Ornaments binding a specialty at the Gazette bindery.

—Another descent on the Salvation Army is likely to be made soon.

—All kinds of binding done on short notice at the Gazette bindery.

—Janesville will soon have the crack militia company of the state.

—Secretary Burnham, of the Building Association, will receive calls Monday.

—See the "Courtship of Miles Standish" at Myers' New Opera House to-night.

—Shades of Greek! George! Another wrestling match is to be held in Janesville.

—Admission to the gallery at the high school entertainment this evening will be fifteen cents.

—Lieut. Miner makes a grand "Miles Standish." See him at Myers' New Opera House to-night.

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